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SUBJ: PRESS TREATMENT OF NEW TITLE II PROGRAM

1. AKP, THE KHMER PRESS AGENCY, CARRIED A STORY ON MARCH 5 AS
FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: IN THE AFTERNOON OF MARCH 4 AT 4 P..N THE PRIME MINISTER
RECEIVED THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN, MR.
JOHN GUNTHER DEAN, AND HIS TWO COLLABORATORS, MR. KEELEY,
COUNSELOR OF THE EMBASSY, AND MR. SOHLIN, ACTING DIRECTOR OF
USAID. THE AMBASSADOR HAD COME TO INFORM THE PRIME MINISTER OF
A SPECIAL ASSISTANCE OF 20,000 TONS OF RICE DESTINED TO BE
DISTRIBUTED FREE TO REFUGEES AND OTHER PERSONS, (WHO
ARE) THE MOST NEEDY IN THE KHMER REPUBLIC, BY THE CHANNEL OF
THE INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONE, SUCH AS CARE,
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE, WORLD VISION RELIEF ORGANIZATION AND
THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS. UNQUOTE.

2. THE FOLLOWING DAY A LONGER AKP STORY TOLD OF A
PRELIMINARY MEETING THE MORNING OF MARCH 5 ON THE
UTILIZATION OF THE 20,000 TONS OF RICE. PRESENT WERE
FINANCE MINISTER KHY TAING LIM, REFUGEE MINISTER KONG
ORN, USAID ACTING DIRECTOR DONNELLY SOHLIN, ASSISTANT
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PROGRAM DIRECTOR THOMAS C. IRVIN, AND DIRECTOR GENERAL

OF REFUGEES NHOENG NHAN. THE DISCUSSION WAS ON THE
DISTRIBUTION OF RICE, NOT ONLY TO REFUGEE FAMILIES, BUT
ALSO TO OTHER CATEGORIES OF THE MOST POOR AND UNFORTUNATE
OF THE POPULATION, IN PARTICULAR CHILDREN, OLD PEOPLE,
WIDOWS AND MONKS HAVING SEVERAL ORPHANS IN THEIR CARE.
THE DISTRIBUTION IS TO BEGIN THIS WEEK THROUGH THE
CHANNELS OF THE PRINCIPAL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES UNDER THE
COORDINATION OF THE MINISTRY OF REFUGEES AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT, AND OF USAID. THE MANNER OF EXECUTION OF
THE PROGRAM AND THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF FAMILIES
OF NEEDY PERSON WILL BE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL MARCH 6 AT
4 P.M. BETWEEN USAID, THE HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS
AND INTERESTED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES.
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